

THE HOPEFUL HAPPENINGS

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This Sunday Worship at 10:30

Rev. Trip preaching—"Ben and Ahab"

Based on 1 Kings 20 (time to read some Old Testament!) Also Scripture from James 1

Guest soloists are Janet Carlisle's daughter and son-in-law who sing opera in Germany.



Emily will be singing:
"Make Me A Channel
Of Your Peace"

Mat will be singing:
"The Lord Is My Light"

(Psalm 27)



The closing music will be "As The Deer," based on Psalm 42.

My brothers and sisters, whenever you face various trials, consider it all joy, because you know that the testing of your faith produces endurance. And let endurance complete its work, so that you may be complete and whole, lacking in nothing.

James 1:2-4



Who can you invite? Details on next page.

HAPPY BURTHDAY!

Clyde Davis July 27
Colette Newby July 29
Jason Millward July 21
Cecelia Bowser August 1
Jack Heidish August 6
Phyllis Ivan August 8



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Ron & Mary Jane Kauffman July 27 Joe & Heather Racchini August 4



Notes on the sermon July 13

"Earthly vs. Heavenly"—Bill Haley

Socrates said that if you know enough you will always choose the right. He said he was not a wise man but a lover of wisdom.

Bill had some quotes from other people: The soul of religion is the practical part. The consideration and mercy we'd like to receive is what we need to give. And from the Bible, "heavenly wisdom leads to a harvest of righteousness (right relationships between us and God, and between people). Are we going to choose the wisdom from God or from what people around us are saying?



Darlene Dempsey and her sister Peggy, Michele Irwin.



Roy and Bonnie Rodgers, their daughter Karen and grand-daughter, Audrey.

Notes on the sermon July 20

"The Quiet Church" - Rev. Trip

Go to church and find out what is left after people and sounds are gone. What is left? Quiet. The game of "church seeking" is searching for experience. Go to St. Patrick's (NYC) or St. Paul's (London) if you have a desire to be impressed. But some people have managed to find quiet. "I can take time for nothing at all." [Ponder that one!] The church is a place to collect desire and harbor hope. A "thin place" is where heaven and earth come together very closely. In my little church I'm hiding, but I'm in earshot of heaven: In unhiding of ourselves we are opening a portal of heaven. The Psalmist wrote in Psalm 27 [which Mat will be singing on Sunday!],

One thing I ask from the LORD, this only do I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the LORD and to seek him in his temple.

Trip concluded by saying, "There is no quiet church. It's filled with energy. This is a good place. There's more here than just us!"



Lily Moerschel on her cello:

Editor's Note: I will be on vacation for two weeks in August, so I'm not sure when the next newsletter will be out.

David



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Sunday Evening Worship in the tabernacle—7:00 pm 1451 Main Street, Natrona Heights, PA 15065 Rev. Trip preaches Sunday evening, July 27 at 7:00